

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A service payment system for making payment for hotel and casino services provided in a hotel in which a casino is installedlocated, comprising:

house card issuing means for issuing a house card which stores user information enabling identification of a user of saidthe hotel and casino services;

a house card server for instructing said house card issuing means to issue=said the house card; and

a service management server for utilizing saidthe user information to manage a casino deposit which enables saidthe user to utilize casino services upon=acquisition acquisition of saidthe house card, and for outputting service data indicatingrestricting use of saidthe casino services by saidthe user when usage restriction conditions placed on saidthe casino services are satisfied, wherein

said house card server stores the service data outputtedoutput from said service management server, thusthereby enabling payment for saidthe casino services to be performed, individually for each saiduser, and

the usage restriction conditions restrict use of the casino services when
the casino deposit accumulated over a time period has exceeded an upper limit.

2. (Currently Amended) The service payment system according to claim 1, wherein said service management server determinesapplies the usage restriction conditions according to the presence or absence of aif no deposit balance, indicating thean amount of money remaining, is present in saidthe casino deposit.

3. (Currently Amended) A service payment system for making payment for services provided in a hotel in which a casino is installedlocated, comprising:

house card issuing means for issuing a house card which stores user

information enabling identification of a user of said the hotel and casino services and deposit data indicating a deposit, including a casino deposit, which enables said the user to utilize said the hotel and casino services, respectively;

means which, when said the user utilizes casino services, update said the deposit data stored on said the house card and, output service data indicating use of said the casino services by said the user, and restrict use of the casino services by the user when usage restriction conditions placed on the casino services are satisfied; and

a house card server which stores the service data outputted output from said means, thus enabling payment for said the casino services to be performed, individually for each of said user, wherein the usage restriction conditions restrict use of the casino services when the casino deposit accumulated over a time period has exceeded an upper limit.

4. (Currently Amended) The service payment system according to claim 3, further comprising means for restricting use of the casino services by said the user when a the casino deposit balance indicating the amount of money remaining in said casino deposit has reached zero.

5. (New) The service payment system according to claim 1, wherein said service management server applies the usage restriction conditions restricting use of the casino services by the user when the casino deposit has reached zero.